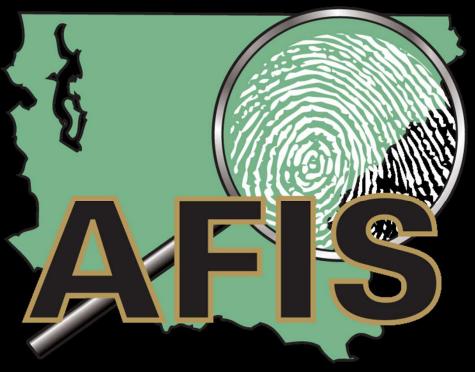
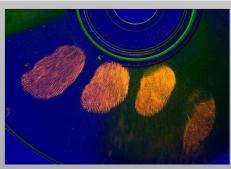
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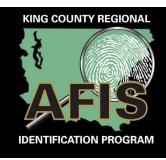
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### **AFIS Mission**

### Automated Fingerprint Identification System

The Regional AFIS Program promotes public safety and contributes to crime reduction by providing expert fingerprint identification services to criminal justice agencies throughout King County.



## Before King County AFIS

- Backlogs due to manual processes
- Rare to ID someone prior to release
- Fingerprints not taken on all arrests
- Incomplete, delayed update of rap sheets
- Crime scene prints only confirmed when a suspect was known











# AFIS Program Evolution

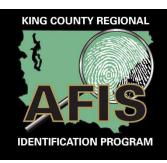
- Electronic fingerprinting ("livescan") at police stations & jails
- All individuals booked are printed
- Direct transmission to AFIS for matching
- ID prior to release;
   warrant checks
- Rap sheets complete
- <u>Examiner</u> now gives suspect name to the <u>investigator</u>!











### AFIS in Numbers

#### Last year...

74,192	Livescan prints searched through AFIS
732	Individuals identified as giving false names upon arrest \$2.2 million in warrants found 49 no bail 'wants'
371	Requests for expert crime scene assistance
18,959	Pieces of evidence processed for prints
3,930	Crime scene prints identified
216	Crime scene palm prints identified using new AFIS



# Regional Support

- Task Forces
- Auto Theft Initiatives
- Burglary Initiatives
- Drug Busts
- ME's Office,Hospital Assistance
- Public Outreach





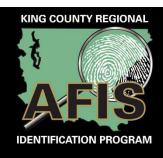
### AFIS Program Customers

King County's <u>regional</u> AFIS program funds criminal fingerprint services for

- Police Departments (39 cities)
- Sheriff's Office (contracts, unincorporated)
- Jails

Centralized technology and forensic staff: "economy of scale".





## **AFIS Advisory Committee**

#### **Suburban Cities**

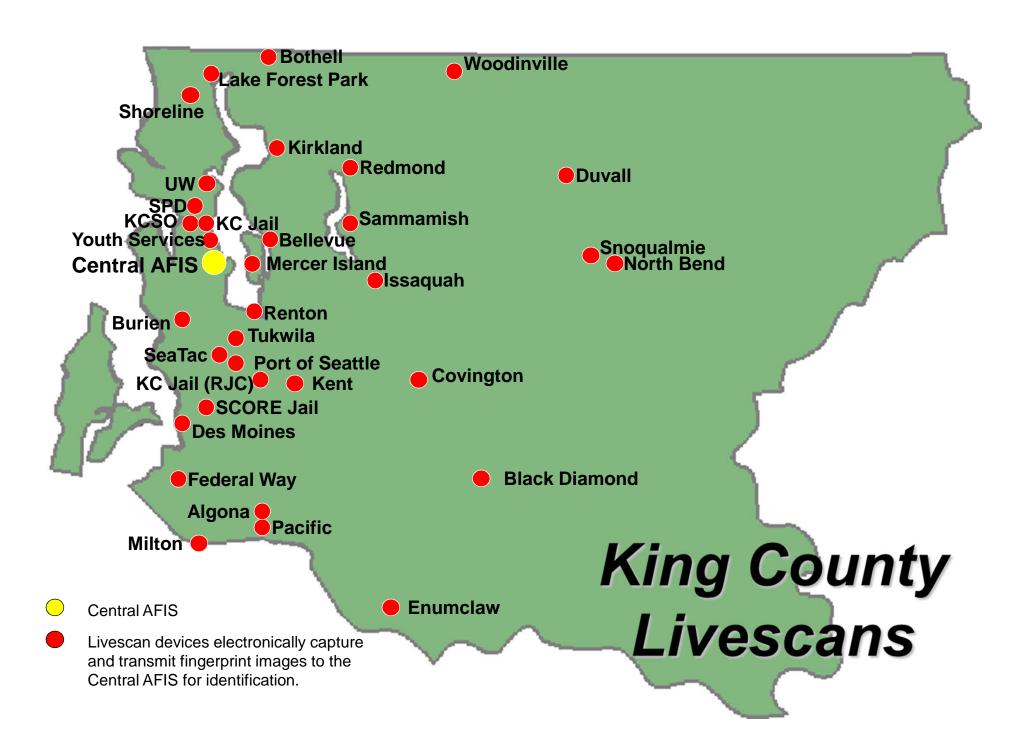
- Chief Paul Ayers, Issaquah Police Department
- Penny Bartley, SCORE Director
- David Cline, City of Tukwila
- Major Mike Johnson, Bellevue Police Department
- Cathy Schrock, Federal Way Police Department

#### City of Seattle

- Don Berard, Seattle Police Department
- Candice Livingston, City of Seattle Finance Department
- Lt. Mark Mount, Seattle Police Department AFIS Manager
- Karim Miller, Seattle Police Department

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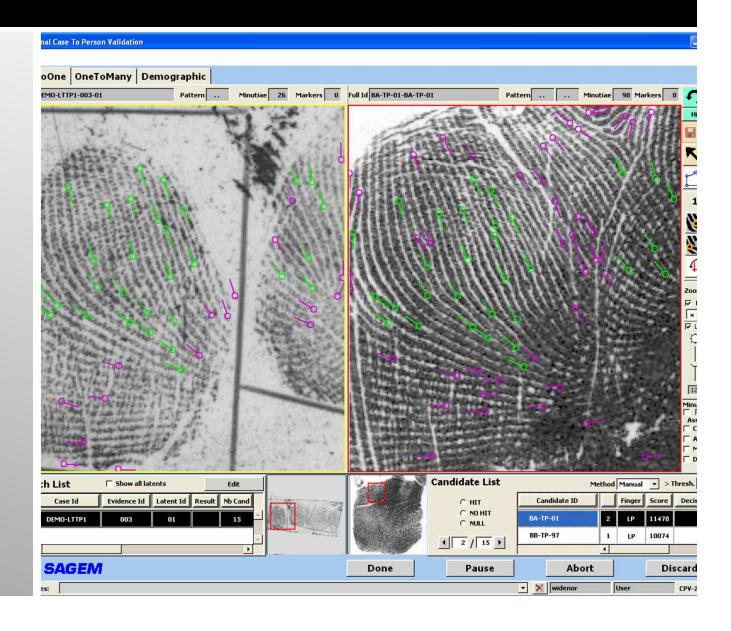
- Doug Palmer, Executive's Office of Performance Strategy and Budget
- John Resha, King County Council
- Chief Robin Fenton, King County Sheriff's Office
- Carol Gillespie, King County Regional AFIS Manager





### New AFIS Implementation

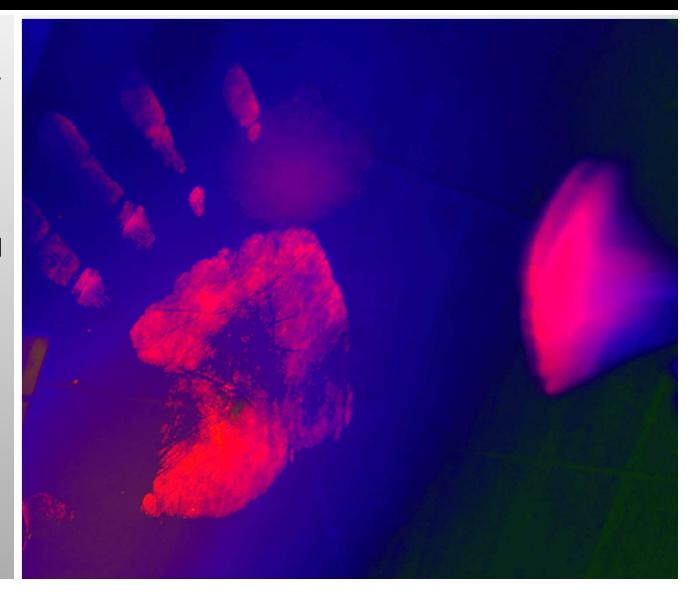
- Replaced aging AFIS computer
- Three-year, \$3.3 million project
- Went "live" March 2011
- New palm print matching
- Reopened cold cases

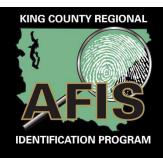




### Palm "Hit" in Shoreline Case

- Break-in and rape of 12-year old girl
- No known suspect
- Examiners found palm print; searched it through new AFIS
- Arrest within three days
- Jesse Gonzales will serve 25 years to life





## **AFIS Funding**

- Countywide property tax levy
   every 5-6 years since 1986
- Spent less than predicted 2007-2012
   savings returned to taxpayers by reducing tax rate each year
- AFIS levy set to expire December 2012
- On general election ballot November 6, 2012
- 5.92 cents per \$1,000/AV

  bound by inflation at 1-3%
- \$20.72/year (\$1.73/month) for a median \$350,000 home



# AFIS Funding (cont.)

#### Why is AFIS levy-funded and not under the County's general fund?

- There is no county- or state-level mandate or funding mechanism for a shared regional program of this nature.
- By state law, each local police agency is required to handle its own criminal fingerprint work or rely on WSP for basic services.
- Criminal ID services are provided to all police agencies in the county, through this regional approach.



# 2013-2018 Levy Continuing Services

- Maintain status quo services
- \$6.75 million in efficiency reductions
  - 11 positions eliminated
    - through attrition
    - no reduction in services
  - overtime budget reduced
  - other cuts in expenses



- AFIS Advisory Committee directive:
  - continue finding efficiencies in operations over next six years



# 2013-2018 Levy Initiatives and Improvements

#### **Replace Processing Lab**

\$11.5 million reserve

- Current lab outdated, undersized, inefficient, presents safety issues
- Serves 37 cities, unincorporated areas

#### **Remote Fingerprinting**

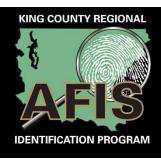
\$1.5 million reserve

Fast ID verification

- Field
- Courtroom







## 2013-2018 Levy

#### What if the levy failed, and there was no further funding?

#### Assess and try again:

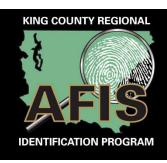
- Survey voters
- Restructure proposal to address concerns
- Resubmit for future ballot measure

## Consider alternatives:

- Absorb costs into city and county general funds
- •Explore contracting or other models
- •Rely on WSP for basic and limited services

# Reduce or eliminate support for:

- AFIS & Livescan technology
- 24/7 arrest identification
- WSP & FBI rap sheet notification
- Crime scene and evidence processing
- Suspect identification
- Regional services and officer training



### Questions?

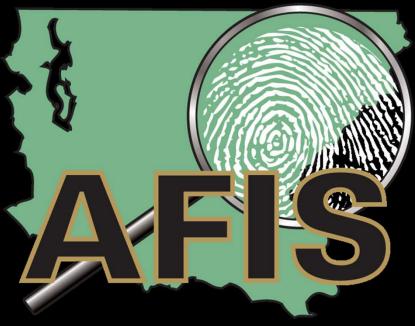
"The investigative tools provided by the Regional AFIS Program are essential to our ability to fight crime in King County.

From identifying felons with warrants for their arrest to catching repeat auto thieves and burglars, AFIS allows law enforcement to quickly identify suspects and hold them accountable.

The services AFIS provides are critical to an effective criminal justice system."

Dan Satterberg
King County Prosecuting Attorney

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